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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants in the above-identified application hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to and including August 14, 2000 for responding to the Office Action mailed April 14, 2000 (Paper No. 5). A response to the Office Action accompanies this Petition.

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